



**MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

Public Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2004
Financial Services Conference Room
7447 E. Indian School Road, Suite 210
Scottsdale AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Subcommittee: Vice Mayor Wayne Ecton
Councilman Bob Littlefield
Councilman David Ortega

Staff: Craig Clifford Bryan Bundy
Art Rullo Joyce Gilbride
Pat Dodds Judy McIlroy
Brent Stockwell Kristine Zich
Jeff Nichols

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Subcommittee Chairperson

Councilman Littlefield was selected as Chairperson of the Budget Subcommittee.

2. Staff presentation on proposed FY 2004/05 budget planning and development process

Art Rullo gave a presentation on the proposed public input process consisting of a five-phased approach: Roundtable forums; Report results of roundtable forums; Subcommittee work sessions; Subcommittee presentation of report to City Council; and Regular scheduled meetings for budget updates and monitoring. He further reviewed the details of each phase and how the tables would be set up for public participation.

Councilman Littlefield suggested adding additional slides to show citizens where the money was going and what percentage went to things such as police, fire, cultural, etc. He also requested another slide to give examples of other kinds of funds, such as the Enterprise Funds, Capital Improvements, etc.

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Councilman Ecton felt it would be good to solicit, at each table, citizen's ideas on where costs might be reduced or where to get additional revenue. He also suggested having other options available for people who wanted to voice deeper concerns on a specific issue, but might be limited by time constraints at the forums.

Discussion was held on the working process at the forums and how things could be fine-tuned and improved after each. Mr. Rullo discussed feedback he received on how the process worked in Portland, Oregon.

Councilman Ecton noted that staff should be prepared to answer many questions regarding major budget needs and what other cities were doing to reduce their budgets.

Subcommittee members agreed this new process seemed a good method to get public input and approved of the draft plan with the modifications as discussed.

COUNCILMAN ORTEGA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MODIFIED DRAFT PUBLIC INPUT PLAN. COUNCILMAN LITTLEFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not agendized for discussion or action) - None

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

The subcommittee decided to set a policy to accept comment cards from citizens at every meeting for both written and verbal comments.

Brent Stockwell will check for availability of meeting locations, make sure there are no conflicting events, and will inform everyone of upcoming meeting dates. The subcommittee will meet next Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 5:00 PM in the Kiva Conference Room to adopt the public meeting plan and set dates. Mr. Rullo requested they also look at the questions one last time and edit if necessary.

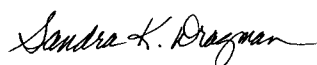
Councilman Ortega discussed grant-writing and asked staff to look at how to develop that in order to help revenue sources.

MEETING SCHEDULE - To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



**Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary**